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Dear Harold,

We finally got my mother mobile and on her way and have begun to get back to normal around here, including getting back to the writing that was neglected. I'm enclosing a (very) rough preliminary draft of part of another chapter that involves some material from you and Jim Lesar. I'd be grateful if you would check it out for factual errors or misinterpretations.

On ^{AFTER THAT} Thursday, I'm off to China with Shultz for about ten days and I hope that Carlotta and I can come up and pay you the visit that I would have liked to have done earlier. Perhaps we can talk about the suggestions you have then, as well as the modifications you mentioned about the last chapter. No definite word from a publisher yet, but I think it's a bit early since we just sent out the latest variation last week.

The most surprising thing about the latest crop of surprises (Khadafy assassination plots and the like) is that anybody is still surprised by them.

They seem to be in perfect synchrony with an out-of-touch president, good at rhetoric and play-acting and little else, surrounding himself with cowboys who play out his Hollywood fantasies. What I really worry about are the things that we don't know about: for example, did he have the same kind of staff help after his 1982 remarks about the "Evil Empire?" Was there a Col. North in the European section of the National Security Staff?

(*on the draft or anything else*)
If you'd like to comment by letter, please do. Otherwise, I'll be in touch when I get back from China.

Best regards to you both.

